

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A stacked photovoltaic element comprising a structure formed by sequentially arranging a metal layer, a lower transparent conductive layer, a first n-layer of non-single-crystal silicon, a first i-layer of microcrystal silicon, a first p-layer of non-single-crystal silicon, a second n-layer of non-single-crystal silicon, a second i-layer of microcrystal silicon and a second p-layer of non-single-crystal silicon on a support body, said first i-layer and said second i-layer containing ~~phosphor~~ phosphorus and the content ratio R1 of ~~phosphor~~ phosphorus to silicon of the first i-layer and the content ratio R2 of ~~phosphor~~ phosphorus to silicon of the second i-layer are defined by the formula of

$$R2 < R1.$$

2. (Original) An element according to claim 1, wherein said structure is formed by additionally and sequentially laying a third n-layer of non-single-crystal silicon, a third i-layer of amorphous silicon and third p-layer of non-single-crystal silicon and an upper transparent conductive layer of ITO on and in contact with said second p-layer.

3. (Original) An element according to claim 1, wherein the relationship of said content ratios R1 and R2 is defined by the formula of

$$0.1\text{ppm} < R2 < R1 < 4\text{ppm}.$$

4. (Withdrawn) A current balance adjustment method for a stacked photovoltaic element containing a structure formed by sequentially arranging a first n-layer of non-single-crystal silicon, a first i-layer of microcrystal silicon, a first p-layer of non-single-crystal silicon, a second n-layer of non-single-crystal silicon, a second i-layer of microcrystal silicon and a second p-layer of non-single-crystal silicon, said method comprising causing said first i-layer and said second i-layer to contain spectral sensitivity adjusting atoms and adjusting the current balance by adjusting the concentration of the spectral sensitivity adjusting atoms.

5. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 4, wherein said spectral sensitivity adjusting atoms are phosphor atoms.